



THE BROOKSVILLE BULLETIN

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Hitting The Bottle **(Robert F. Turner)**

After about eight months of preaching, every night and many, many days, someone suggested I go out to the barn and cuss awhile — just to level things out. Instead, a fellow preacher (Dan Shipley) and I drove a pickup into the south Texas brush country, made camp, and hunted quail.

Birds were plentiful but wild, wild. We bucked tassajilla, catclaw, prickly-pear, and divers chaparral to flush them out and collect our limits of birds, scratches, and ticks. And in sheer exuberance, when we found an old bottle, I asked Dan to toss it up so I could break it with my pistol. Dan tossed, and I missed

Early one morning, while studying a coyote playground (they serenaded us early and late), we came upon huge cougar tracks. A shotgun butt would fit into the depression, either way; and with allowance for the spread in the soft earth. That is some cat. Then we

found another bottle which Dan tossed — and I missed.

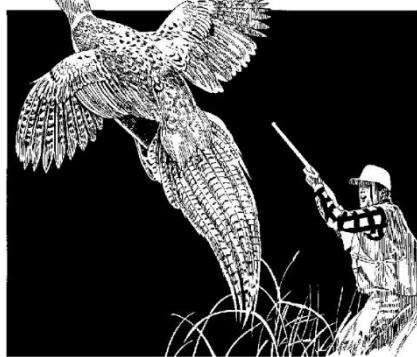
On the second day out, I was crawling through a tangle of cactus, half hung-up, when a number of fleeting, scurrying black objects began tearing up the brush around me, and I heard a familiar Humph! !

— the danger signal of javelina (wild pig). I untangled fast enough to pour two shots into a young boar. Then Dan helped me field-dress and skin it, and we hung the meat in the shade to

be retrieved later. And we found another brown bottle — which I missed.

We didn't hunt deer, but I wanted to limber up my 7 Magnum, so spent some time walking an open meadow looking for jackrabbits. Hit two — both running — one at 70 yards and one at 160. Would like to brag a little more about my shooting — except — I missed another bottle, three times straight.

All in all, what with the stink of javelina, cleaning two days limits of quail, no shaving, no bathing, sorry



cooking, etc., — it was a wonderful, wonderful trip. No telephone, no problems with brethren, no schedules, no nothing but wide Marlboro country without the cough and cancer. I am resigned to the fact that a few (?) readers will see absolutely nothing in this to get excited about.

But maybe all will enjoy my point. Ready?? One may have a great time without hitting the bottle!! (*Plain Truth; Stuff About Things, December 1968*)



The Man Who Wouldn't Go Away (Ken Weliever)

On the day after Jesus' death, it looked as if whatever small mark He left on the world would rapidly disappear. Instead, His impact on human history has been unparalleled." These are the opening words by John Ortberg in his book "Who is this Man?" Ortberg asserts that most people's impact and influence on the world begin to decline as soon as they die. If they do leave a great legacy, they already had developed an

enormous reputation. Jesus' life and death were different.

On the Friday Jesus died, His movement appeared to have failed. His followers were scattered. Scared. And shrouded in secret hiding places. As Ortberg put it, "If there were a kind of 'Most Likely to Posthumously Succeed' award given on the day of death to history's most influential people, Jesus would have come in dead last."

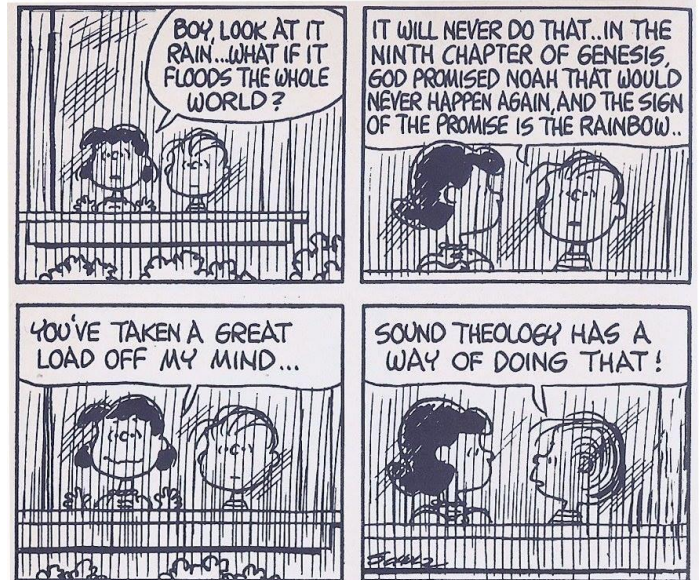
Jesus died broke. Homeless. And all alone. He never married and had no children. He never attended college. He never wrote a book. He never commanded an army. He never succeeds in business. And he never was elected to public office. Jesus never did anything like political leaders do to ensure his legacy. There are no original paintings of Jesus. Or statues. Or busts. He personally never had anything named after himself. In short, the day Jesus died, he had never achieved any of the things that people associate with success. Greatness. And lasting fame. Yet, three days later, things began to change. Quickly. Uniquely. And dramatically. Jesus arose from the grave! He overcame death. Defeated the devil. And resurrected hope in His dispirited disciples. There's no denying it! Witnesses confirm it. History records it. And changed lives demonstrate it.

His name and message began to be preached fifty days later. First at Jerusalem. Then in Judea and Samaria and throughout the Roman Empire. All kinds of people were converted. Men and women founded equality in Christ. Jews and Gentiles were joined together as one. Masters and slaves became spiritual peers. Even Jesus' most ardent enemy, Saul of Tarsus, turned from being a persecutor to a proclaimer of Jesus!

Today every facet of our lives is impacted by Jesus. Art. Literature. History. Poetry. Sculpture. Theater. And even movies! His name has influenced the names of our hospitals. Towns. And missions. Libraries are filled with books about Him. Museums display artifacts relating to His era. The influence of the Son of Man is everywhere! The name of Jesus was "not so much written as ploughed into the history of this world," once wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson.

In his sermon "The Real Jesus," James Allen Francis said: "Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today Jesus is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever sailed, all the parliaments that have ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of mankind on earth as powerfully as that one solitary life."

Still today, through His Word and the preaching of His Gospel, He is ever-present. Probing our souls. Touching our hearts. Calling to our consciences. And He is coming back again to receive the redeemed and take them back to His home in heaven. Indeed, He is the Man who won't go away!



The Bible's Message For Special Times

When things look hopeless,
read Isaiah 40.

When tempted to do wrong,
read Psalm 139.

If you are facing a crisis,
read Psalm 46.

When you are discouraged,
think about the words of Psalm 23.

If you are bored,
read Psalm 103-104.

When business is bad,
read Psalm 37.

When you are lonely,
read Psalm 27.

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When you are worried
read Job 38-40.

When you think of a loved one,
read Psalm 107.

When you are sick or in pain,
read Psalm 91.

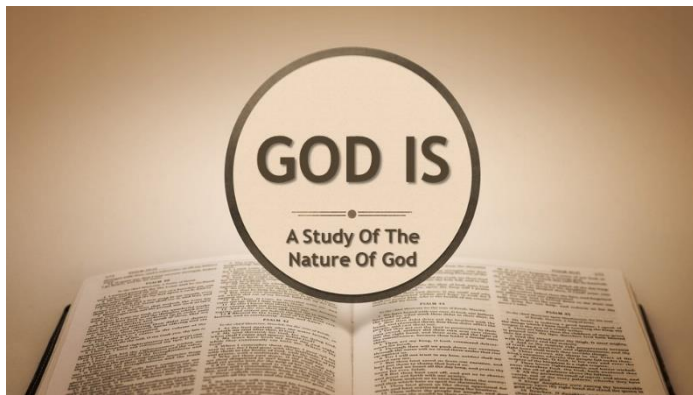
When life is hard,
read 2 Timothy 3.

When relationships are strained,
read Romans 12.

When traveling,
read 121.

When friends reject you,
read 1 Corinthians 13.

When doubting your faith,
reread the gospels.



Wednesday – August 18
God Is With You
(Mark Copeland)

“You and I are human post offices. We are daily giving out messages of some sort to the world. They do not come from us, but through us; we do not create, we convey. And they come either from hell or from heaven.”
(Vance Havner)

- 👤 We don't change God's message. His message changes us.
- 👤 Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
- 👤 Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord.
- 👤 Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- 👤 Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
- 👤 Each person is born with one possession which outvalues all his others: his last breath. (Mark Twain)
- 👤 If your vision is for a year, plant wheat. If your vision is for ten years, plant trees. If your vision is for eternity, plant the word of God.

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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:

🔗 *Jamey Hinds, Hollywood, Florida; Roy Fenner, Panama City, Florida*

🔗 *Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; The saints in Nicaragua*

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